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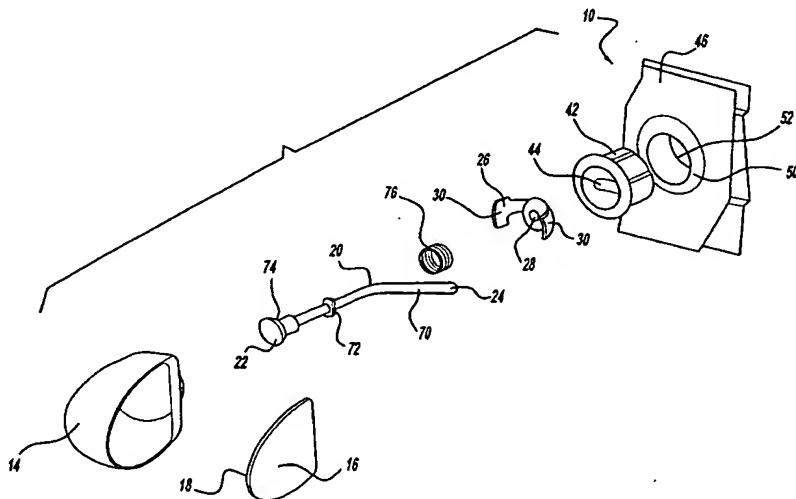
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(57) Abstract: The subject invention is a bracketless rearview mirror assembly (10) that is inexpensive and provides an easy assembly technique to attach the mirror assembly to a side of a motor vehicle (12). The mirror assembly includes a case (14) with a reflective mirror (16) and a guide mechanism (26). The motor vehicle (12) includes a mounting surface (46) with an opening (52) disposed between an inner side (48) and an outer side (50). A connector (42) is positioned between the case (14) and the inner side (48) of the mounting surface (46) of the vehicle. An adjustment mechanism (20) extends from inside the case, through the guide mechanism (26) and the connector (42), to the inner side (48) of the mounting surface (46). The adjustment mechanism (20) can be a simple handle (68) for manual adjustment or a harness (84) for encapsulating electronic controls for electrically adjusted mirrors. The mirror assembly (10) also allows the case (14) to move about the guide mechanism (26) and adjustment mechanism (20) to fold inward toward the vehicle (12).